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Newtown Creek, NY

Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance of Infrastructure and Stewardship

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: As no funds were allocated in the FY08 federal budget, the funds requested in the President's budget for FY09 are not readily accessible until the FY09 budget is actually signed. Possible FY09 funds would provide for the initiation of environmental coordination with the NYCDEP and other stakeholders, and to provide for a complete condition survey that has not been performed in over ten years.

AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Adopted by the R & H Act of 26 August 1937. Public Law 392- 75th Congress. The existing federal navigation project provides for a channel 23 feet deep and 130 ft wide from East River to 150 ft north of Maspeth Ave, with a triangular area at the north side of the entrance. A turning basin 23 feet deep at Mussel Island, becomes shallower and narrower approaching Metropolitan Avenue. About 36% of the project has not been completed.

STATUS: A complete condition survey was last performed in 1991. The entire channel was last dredged in 1951 with the removal of 80,000 cys of material. In the 1950s and 1960s, portions of Dutch Kills and English Kills were dredged. The channel has been subject to various industrial contaminant inputs along the river over the past several decades. As a result, the material to be removed may be too contaminated to dredge and place in approved upland sites. New York City Department of Environmental Protection is the local sponsor. Economic re-development of the area is planned. Coordination with the NYCDEP is maintained.

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